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1. The 1953 production quotas fixed for the Radio Engineering Plant in Erfurt were fulfilled by 1 October 1953. Machinery for the manufacture of radio tubes produced at the plant included:

4 type PG 101 machines
12 type PG 103 machines
6 type PG 104a machines
3 type PG 105 machines
12 type PG 106 machines
2 type PG 107 machines
4 type PG 108 machines
8 type PG 109 machines
2 type PH 101 machines
8 type PS 104 machines
2 type PS 107 machines
3 type PS 108 machines
4 type PS 109 machines.

A total of 36 of these machines were delivered to Warsaw in early October. A large radio engineering plant similar to that in Erfurt has been built in Warsaw. This plant was scheduled to start the production of transmitting and receiving tubes on 1 January 1954. The number of tube-making machines sent to Warsaw indicates that the capacity of the Polish installation would be three times that of the Radio Engineering Plant in Erfurt.

A total of 34 tube-making machines was sent to the Radio Tube Plant in Muehlhausen.

2. In early 1952, the designs for vacuum pumps and grid-notching machines (Gitterkorbautomaten) were copied at the Radio Engineering Plant in Erfurt by order of the Ministry for the Engineering Industry and sent to the USSR, Poland, Czechoslavakia, and Hungary.

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In early 1953, four designers from Moscow appeared at the Erfurt Radio Engineering Plant to work on the plans copied. At the same time, two Soviet scientists copied all the machinery available in the tube manufacturing department of the plant.

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